தெரியாது. மதுரையில் ஏற்பட்டால்தான் அவருக்குத் தெரியும். கொஞ்சம் கொஞ்சமாக விஸ்தரிப்பு நடந்துகொண்டிருப்பது அவருக்குத்தெரியும்.

Wells

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Sri Nagaraja Monigar, is not in his seat. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings.

* 534 *Q.*—SRI S. NAGARAJA MONIGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether people are prohibited from digging wells by the sides of Project Irrigation Channels in the State;

(*b*) if so, on what basis and on what authority; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that digging of drinking water wells are also prohibited?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Permission of Government is required for sinking wells subject to the condition that the wells should be two furlongs away on either side from the main channel and one furlong from the distributaries.

(*b*) This is on the basis of technical opinion regarding the level of the water table and to have control over the crop pattern under the project.

(*c*) No specific orders prohibiting the digging of drinking water wells have been issued by Government.

Poramboke lands

* 535 *Q.*—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government propose to assign poramboke lands to those who have been encroaching on them for over 12 years by paying fines in Tiruvallur taluk?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : No, Sir.

Drug Control Act

* 536 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the number of persons arrested and prosecuted under the Drug Control Act in Madras City in 1959–60?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Persons are not generally arrested for offences under the Drugs Act, but prosecutions are resorted to in suitable cases. During 1959–60, seven such prosecutions were launched.